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COVER PHOTO

Frank Elliott, Head of the Farm and Home Administration, congratulates Bowman chapter president David Wheeler, chapter member McArthur Waters, and Bowman chapter advisor and agriculture teacher H. L. Beach, for winning first place in the National FFA Community Development Program.

NOTES *from the* Executive Secretary

TO FUTURE FARMERS

By J. Earl Frick, Jr.

South Carolina can truly be proud of the FFA members who represented the state association at the 1975 National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Many chapters and individuals received recognition for outstanding accomplishments made in the FFA organization during the past year. Special recognition was given to the Bowman FFA Chapter when they were declared the national winner in the Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Program for 1975. Congratulations to the Bowman FFA Chapter members and their advisor, Mr. Harris L. Beach, for the community development project which gained them national recognition.

National FFA Week will be observed during the week of Washington's birthday, February 21-28, 1976. Many chapters are planning to use FFA Week as a Bicentennial salute to their local community. Materials are available through the National FFA Supply Service to help chapters celebrate 76. Don't miss this opportunity to publicize FFA Bicentennial activities in your community.

Our national FFA theme for our Bicentennial year is "A Future for America — FFA." Our FFA organization, with it ties to agriculture and the land, has a rich agricultural heritage. The continuing development of a strong agricultural industry through education and student involvement remain as important goals of the FFA. Make 1976 your chapter's opportunity to help assure a bright "Future for America."

TO YOUNG FARMERS

By Hugh P. McClimon

The Georgia Association did an outstanding job in hosting the 9th National Young Farmer Educational Institute in Atlanta December 13-17 with more than 1100 persons attending from 20 States. The South Carolina Association was represented by 39 persons including five of the State Officers and three Chapter Advisors. The purpose of the Institute is to exchange educational ideas and information in order to strengthen Young and Adult Farmer Programs.

The program was very interesting and informative with outstanding speakers, slide presentations, and tours. Several speakers emphasized the importance of agriculture in world trade and the balance of the economy. Two states gave slide presentations and six states had a representative on a panel describing programs in their respective states. Several states reported increased interest and participation. Part of two days were spent on tours of successful Young Farmer operations.

The 1976 Institute will be held in Denver, Colorado on December 12-15. Possibilities of a group flight will be considered. The 11th Institute is scheduled for Kentucky in 1977. The Institute has experienced tremendous growth in recent years.

During the past year, the Association had a small increase in members. Chapters are encouraged to collect dues for 1976 as soon as possible and increase membership by recruiting new members who can benefit from participation.

Plans will be made for the 2nd Annual Summer Farm Tour. Look for additional information at a later date.

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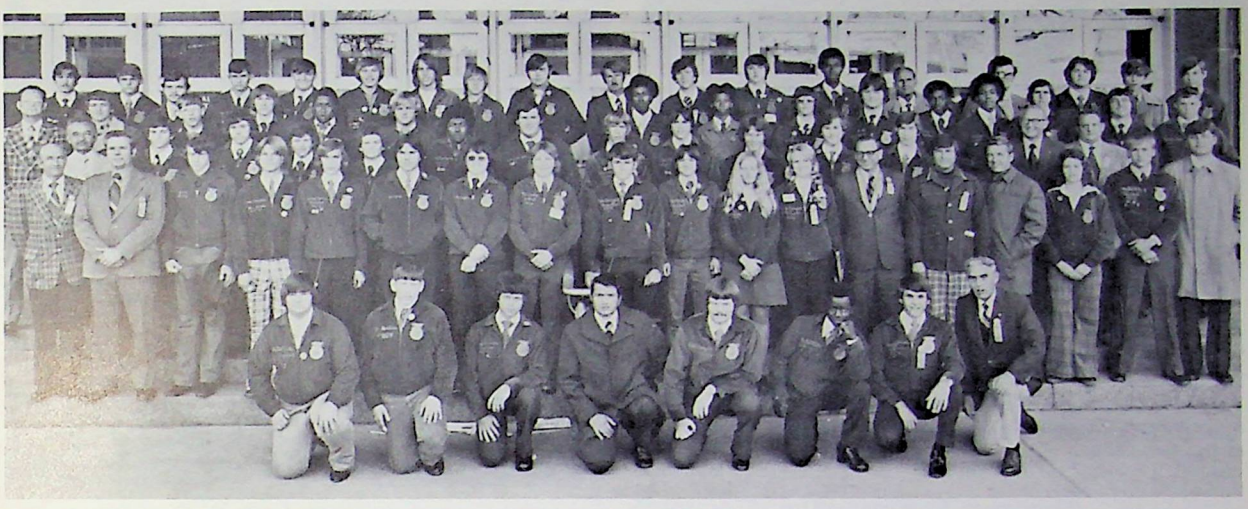
S. C. DELEGATION TO NATIONAL FFA CONVENTION



Attendance at the 48th National FFA Convention reached a new high this year as more than 20,000 FFA members and their adult guests flocked to Kansas City, Missouri to participate in what has become the largest annual convention of youth. Members of the 485,000 student organization were drawn to Kansas City by a program that included VICE PRESIDENT NELSON A. ROCKEFELLER AND CINCINNATI REDS ALL STAR CATCHER JOHNNY BENCH. An expanded exhibition of agricultural career opportunities attracted thousands of members to the Auditorium's Exhibition Hall. The FFA organization introduced "Celebrate 76" activities to involve FFA chapters and members in the 1976 U. S. Bicentennial Celebration. Other convention activities included the presentation of over 2,000 awards to FFA members for outstanding achievement and the conduction of National FFA organization business.

Eighty-seven Future Farmers, teachers of agriculture, student teachers, teacher educators, wives and friends of the FFA attended the convention from South Carolina. Frank R. Stover, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture, and J. Earl Frick, State Executive Secretary of the FFA, were in charge of the delegation.

From the time Alpha Trivette, of Ladysmith, Virginia, brought the gavel down to begin the first session until he turned it over to the new president, Bobby Tucker of Moneola, Texas, the Future Farmers ran the whole show. They listened to outstanding speakers, presented national awards, selected the Star Farmer and Star Agri-Businessman and transacted FFA business.

Heading the South Carolina delegation this year were official delegates Tommy Gladden, of Winnsboro High School, State FFA president, and Curtis White, of Green Sea High School, State FFA vice president. The official delegates made up the voting body of the convention. Each state is permitted to send two delegates from its active membership plus one delegate for each additional 10,000 members.

Vice President Nelson A. Rockefeller was the featured speaker for the morning session. In a thirty minute address to a packed auditorium of over 14,000 FFA members and guests Rockefeller told FFA members:

"Today, we see young people searching for meaning in their lives in all sorts of ways—good and bad," said Rockefeller. "I cannot think of a better place to learn how to be a good American and a useful human being, than right here through the Future Farmers of America." . . . Challeng-

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S. C. DELEGATION

Heading the 87 member South Carolina delegation at the National FFA Convention this year were, left to right, Curtis White of Green Sea, vice president, and Tommy Gladden, of Winnsboro, state president of the 7,000 member South Carolina Association. The official delegates made up the voting body of the convention.

PLANNING CONFERENCE

Shown conferring with State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture and State FFA Advisor Frank R. Stover (center) during the National FFA Convention in Kansas City are, left to right, H. S. Clinkscales, Crescent; Ed Prince and Terry Norris, Loris; Stover; Randall Neely, Socastee; Don Morris, Agricultural Engineer with Carolina Power and Light Company; and Dr. Alex Hash, Agricultural Education Staff, Clemson University.

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ing the standing room only audience of FFA members, Rockefeller said: "We are counting on our future farmers to play an important role in keeping our Nation's economy strong—at home and abroad, we are counting on you to continue the great American humanitarian tradition."

Following his speech Rockefeller was presented the FFA's Honorary American Farmer Degree.

An evening program also included a musical tribute to the Bicentennial by the National FFA Band and Chorus and featured an address to cheering FFA members by All Star baseball catcher Johnny Bench of the Cincinnati Reds. Bench told the capacity audience that the team work which led to his team's world series victory can also be applied to the FFA. You must work hard to keep your organization a success. We work hard for our victory and so should you — work first as an individual to make up your winning team.

Former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter, a one-time FFA member and a large farmer, also was a guest speaker on the convention program, which, in addition, included former Secretary of the Treasury John Connelly and Mississippi humorist and fertilizer salesman Jerry Clower.

IT'S ABOUT TIME

ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME we in this country began thinking and talking about our accomplishments rather than our shortcomings?

Our forefathers came to this country because they wanted for themselves and their families a better life. They got it but they worked for it. Their attitude was positive. Had it been any other way we would never have accomplished what we have.

We hear too much about student failures and too little about student accomplishments. We hear too much about the unemployed and not enough about the employed. We hear too much about a denial of personal rights and not enough about those who have earned what rights they lay claim to.

Yes, it's about time we paid less attention to the small segment of our population who think and act negative and hear more from and about those who are contributing to our country's welfare.

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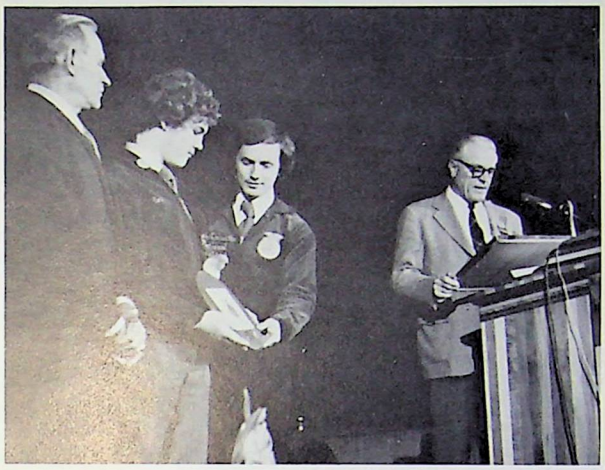
National Convention

Bowman FFA Sweeps Top National Honors



Left to right, H. L. Beach, Bowman chapter advisor, and David Wheeler, chapter president, receive congratulations from Alpha Trivette, National FFA President, while Frank Elliott, Administrator of the Farm and Home Administration, presents the National Building Our American Communities citation to the Bowman FFA chapter. The presentation took place at the 48th annual convention of the Future Farmers of America in Kansas City, Missouri.

BOWMAN TOPS IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Bowman High School chapter of Future Farmers of America gave South Carolina its first national winner in FFA competition since 1932 by sweeping top honors in the community development category.

Announcement and presentation of the award came at the 48th National FFA Convention where an 87 member contingent of Palmetto State FFAers and advisors were on hand for this crowning event on the FFA calendar.

The Bowman chapter was declared top national winner in the Building Our American Communities (BOAC) competition, established recently by the half-million member National FFA to honor outstanding achievement by local chapters in community development.

On hand to receive the coveted award (which includes $250 and a plaque) were Bowman chapter advisor Harris L. Beach and chapter members David Wheeler and McArthur Walters.

The project for which the chapter netted the top honor is a 10-acre nature study and recreation complex one mile south of Bowman on U. S. 178. The colorful complex, three years in the making, was developed by the chapter with the help of a $50,000 grant obtained in 1972 from the U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and matched from state/local sources. Chapter members also worked closely in developing the project with officials of the town of Bowman, who agreed to purchase the land. Among the facilities within the complex are: 12 family picnic huts, a large arts and crafts building, complex offices and restrooms, an outdoor classroom, and an elaborate nature trail for use by community schools and the general public. All construction is of unique octagonal design, utilizing cypress lumber grown in South Carolina. Many facilities in the complex were opened to the public this past summer. Also planned is an agricultural museum that will feature an old farmhouse, pole barn, cotton gin and numerous other farm-related artifacts from South Carolina's past.

The Bowman chapter bested three other top regional BOAC winners to claim the national award.

The Building Our American Communities (BOAC) Program is co-sponsored statewide and nationally by the Farmers Home Administration and Lilly Endowment, Inc.

The historic State FFA Association and its national body this year mark their 48th year of preparing high school students of vocational agriculture for farm and agri-business occupations.

S. C. FFA MEMBERS AND CHAPTERS

RECEIVE FFA'S TOP DEGREE

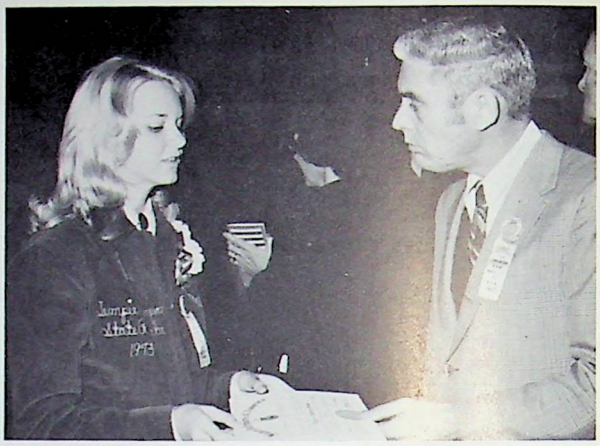
Present to receive the degree in person were, left to right, Larry Meekins, Lake View; Tempie Thompson, Conway; Mitchell Wilson, Green Sea; Wade Shumpert, Pelion; and Charles Montgomery, James F. Byrnes.

Eleven South Carolina FFA members received the American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. This is the highest degree obtainable in the FFA. South Carolinians earning the top award were: **Archie Wayne Beaty and Raymond Alan Fleming, Abbeville chapter; Bruce Davidson and Charles Montgomery, James F. Byrnes chapter; Charles Russell Duncan, Loris chapter; Dean Graham and Mitchell Wilson, Green Sea chapter; Larry Frank Meekins, Lake View chapter; S. Wade Shumpert, Pelion chapter; Tempie Corrinda Thompson, Conway chapter; and Rusty Wooten, Greenville chapter.** The eleven South Carolina FFA members were among 700 Future Farmers from throughout the nation who received the American Farmer Degree. This degree is presented to approximately one FFA member per thousand in any given year. Each degree recipient was presented a certificate and gold key from the FFA organization plus a cash travel allowance to the National FFA Convention from the FFA Foundation.

FFA members are eligible for the American Farmer Degree after having earned the State Farmer Degree in their state. They must also have been an active member of the FFA continuously for at least three years and have an outstanding record of participation in activities of the local chapter and state association. In addition, the member must have earned at least $1,000 by his own efforts from his supervised farm or other agricultural occupation experience program. The money he or she earned must be productively invested or deposited in a bank.

The degree is presented only to the FFA members who have demonstrated leadership ability during high school and who are showing evidence of becoming successfully established in an agricultural occupation.

FIRST S. C. FEMALE



Tempie Thompson, left, the first female from South Carolina to receive the American Farmer Degree, is congratulated by F. R. Stover, State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture and State FFA Advisor, after receiving the award at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri.

NATIONAL FFA HONORS TAYLOR

R. F. Taylor agriculture teacher at Lake View High School, received the Honorary American Farmer Degree during the 48th National FFA Convention in Kansas City. H. W. Rankin, agriculture teacher at Green Sea High School, also received the degree but was not present when the picture was made. Each Honorary American Farmer Degree recipient received a certificate and gold key designating the highest degree of membership given by the FFA. Honorary membership is awarded to vocational agriculture teachers and other adults for sustained outstanding service and contributions to the FFA organization.

RECEIVE NATIONAL RECOGNITION

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GREENVILLE CHAPTER GOLD EMBLEM

Left to right, Raymond Ratliff, Marty Traynum and J. T. Black, advisor, all of the Greenville FFA chapter.

NATIONAL CHAPTER AWARDS

Left to right, J. T. Black and Marty Traynum, Greenville; David Faucette, Belton-Honea Path; and Randy Hammett and B. R. Sims, Byrnes.

BOAC

Greenville FFA officers and advisor received national recognition for achievement in community development at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Left to right, Raynard Ratliff, chairman of the FFA Community Development Committee, Marty Traynum, chapter president, and FFA advisor J. T. Black are shown. The chapter was one of 108 Building Our American Community (BOAC) winners recognized at the special awards banquet. The banquet was hosted by Lilly Endowment, Inc. of Indianapolis, Indiana, sponsor of the BOAC program through the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

The BOAC program recognizes FFA chapters for community development activities. BOAC awards are presented at the area, state and national level for a wide variety of community development activities including community clean-up, organizing local farmer markets, building community fire halls and many other improvement projects. BOAC provides leadership development opportunities to members by giving them a chance to work with community leaders and organizations.

CHAPTER AWARDS

Three South Carolina chapters were selected to receive a National Chapter Award. The Greenville chapter earned the gold emblem award. J. T. Black is the vocational agriculture teacher and advisor to the Greenville chapter and Marty Traynum is the chapter's president. The James F. Byrnes chapter received the silver emblem award, B. R. Simms, agriculture teacher and advisor, Randy Hammett, chapter president. The bronze emblem award went to Belton-Honea Path, Harold Mackey, agriculture teacher and advisor, and David Faucette, chapter president. These chapters earned the National recognition on the basis of their activities in ten areas of chapter involvement prescribed by the National FFA organization. Shown receiving their chapter's awards are, left to right, J. T. Black and Marty Traynum, Greenville; David Faucette, Belton-Honea Path; and Randy Hammett and B. R. Simms, Byrnes.

NATIONAL FFA WEEK FEBRUARY 21-28

THEME "FFA – A FUTURE FOR AMERICA"

National Convention

AGRICULTURAL MECHANICS SALUDA SIXTH IN NATION

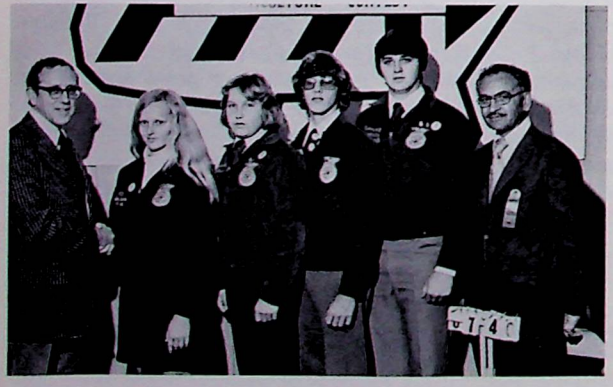
Members of the South Carolina FFA State Agricultural Mechanics Team were met in Kansas City by Glen Hamilton, Manager of the Farm Tire Sales, The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company, Akron, Ohio. The team was one of 41 State FFA Agricultural Mechanics teams participating in the National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Contest at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Team members (left to right) Russell Winn, Steve McAlister, Johnny Corley, and Jason Price were accompanied by their advisor/coach (far right) Bill Whitfield of Saluda. The National FFA Agricultural Mechanics Contest is a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc. sponsored by The Firestone Tire and Rubber Company. Saluda placed sixth in this national event.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Earl D. Beck, left, Division Sales Manager, Ralston-Purina Company, St. Louis, Missouri, welcomed the South Carolina FFA state livestock judging team to the national event in Kansas City. The team was one of 47 state FFA livestock teams participating in the national livestock contest in connection with the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Team members, right to left are Jim Miskelly, Robert Blair, Butch Campbell, and Bill Nance. They were accompanied by their advisor and coach, far right, W. S. Wilkins, of the York FFA chapter. Hugh Campbell received the gold emblem, Bill Nance the silver emblem, and Robert Blair, the bronze emblem ratings. Jim Miskelly received the gold emblem showmanship rating.

The National FFA Livestock Contest is a special project of the National FFA Foundation sponsored by Ralston-Purina Company.

HORTICULTURE



The South Carolina FFA State Horticulture Team was greeted in Kansas City by Raymond Brush, Secretary of American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., of Washington, D. C., representing both American Association of Nurserymen, Inc. and Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Inc., of Washington, D. C. S. C. Vinson (far right), advisor/coach of the Berea High School chapter, Greenville, accompanied the team to Kansas City.

The team was one of 39 state FFA teams participating in the National FFA Horticulture Contest at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. Team members (front row, left to right) are: Patricia Ledbetter, Mike Looney, Barry Griffin and Tommy Presnell.

The National FFA Horticulture Contest is a special project of the National FFA Foundation sponsored by the Gulf Crop Protection Products, Gulf Oil Chemicals Company, Trans-Sphere Corporation, American Association of Nurserymen, Inc., and Wholesale Nursery Growers of America, Inc.

National Convention

BARTON HONORED BY NATIONAL FFA

Frank L. Barton, Senior Vice President and Secretary of the Federal Land Bank/Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Columbia, was recognized for outstanding service to the Future Farmers of America at the organization's 48th annual National Convention held recently. The recognition was made by Alpha Trivette, left, National FFA President and Robert Engle, right, Chairman of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee.

During 1975 Mr. Barton served as a member of the FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee which raises the monies to support the FFA National Awards Program. Barton is a former teacher of vocational agriculture, District Supervisor, State FFA and Young Farmer Executive Secretary, and has received numerous awards for contributions to the State and National FFA organizations, including Honorary State and American Farmer Degrees, the highest degree awarded by the State and National organizations.

The FFA is an organization of 485,000 students preparing for careers in agri-business through the high school vocational agriculture program.

FFA TELLS THE STORY

By Tommy Gladden, State President

The Fairfield Vocational Center chapter put on its first "Food for America" program November 20 at the Everett Elementary School. The program is designed to bring modern agriculture to elementary school children, but it could be adapted to any age level. With the help of a film, "Food From Farm to You," the chapter members explained in elementary terms how food is produced and ends up on supermarket shelves. The chapter also gave out art books

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containing interesting illustrations of agricultural facts that the students colored.

The program "Food for America" can be put on by your chapter. Order the action kit from the National FFA Center, P. O. Box 15160, Alexandria, Virginia 22309, set up dates for the program, and go to work. The program is very flexible — you can do anything from bringing the farm to the school to taking the school to the farm.

AGRICULTURAL SALES AND SERVICE THOMAS REGIONAL WINNER

C. C. Muselman, Regional Manager, Allis-Chalmers Corporation, congratulates Larry Thomas, of the Greenville FFA chapter, regional winner in the FFA Agricultural Sales and/or Service Proficiency Award Program.

Larry Thomas, the Southern Regional winner of the FFA Agricultural Sales and/or Service Proficiency Award, is employed in a retail nursery and garden center in Greenville. Now in his third year of employment at Wade Hampton Nursery and Garden Center, Thomas has found his vocational agriculture training in horticulture a real asset as he works with customers and cares for plants. Today Thomas feels confident in his ability to handle nearly every phase of the nursery and garden center operations. He waits on customers giving advice on fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and landscaping techniques. Thomas operates the cash register and is involved in some bookkeeping activities. He also prunes shrubbery and trees in the nursery, cares for bedding plants and maintains nursery records.

This award is sponsored nationwide by Allis-Chalmers Corporation.

J. T. Black is Larry's vocational agriculture teacher at Greenville High School.

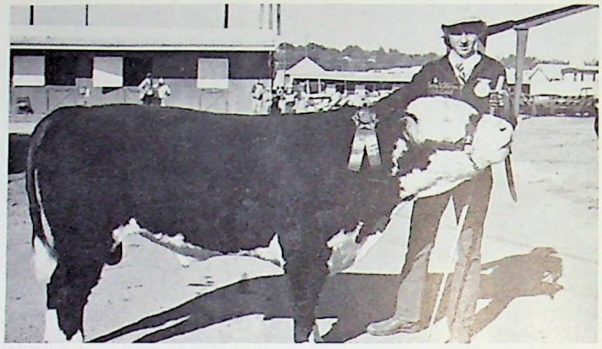
FFA MEMBERS PARTICIPATED IN FAIRS AND SHOWS

Nine FFA chapters participated in the 1975 South Carolina State Fair with top exhibits in swine, beef cattle and crops. Winning first place in their swine classes were Derwin Rish, Jeffrey Padgett, Jay Poole and Russell Clary, all of the Pelion chapter, and the Swansea FFA chapter. Other chapters participating were Edgefield and Greenwood. Participating in the junior beef cattle shows were: Terry Williams, Byrnes FFA, senior and grand champion Hereford bull, junior show; and Jerry Waddell, Byrnes FFA, grand champion female, junior Hereford show. Byrnes FFA members placed first and second in the junior Hereford showmanship. Gregg Woodward of Anderson was the top FFA beef cattle showman in the Angus showmanship, Greenwood's Roger Palmer was second place in the junior yearling bull showmanship, and Abbeville the grand champion charolais bull. Calvin and Robbie Gray, of St. John's chapter of Darlington and Gregg Woodward, Anderson, were the top FFA junior Hereford beef cattle showmen. Participating in the crop exhibits were the Pelion and Gilbert chapters.

Ten FFA chapters participated in the Duroc show, sale and judging contest held in Florence sponsored by the South Carolina Duroc Breeders Association. First place honors went to the Lake City FFA judging team coached by William Lucas. Several Florence County agriculture teachers planned and conducted a very successful agri-business county tour.

As usual the FFA sponsored LITTLE ANIMAL KINGDOM at the Eastern Carolina Fair in Florence was a tremendous success. This is a most effective educational and public relations activity.

Seven FFA chapters participated in the Coastal Carolina Fair at Charleston. Chapters participating included Branchville, Cross, Holly Hill, Ruffin, St. George, Summerville and Walterboro. During the Fair the FFA chapters in District IV sponsored an FFA pig chain show where 40 animals were shown and the judging was done on the Danish system with two entries receiving a ribbon. St. George chapter showed the top chapter exhibit of five gilts and a boar. Prize winning chapter exhibits in the pig chain with two gilts and one boar were, first, Ruffin; second, Summerville; and third, St. George. Ruffin chapter showed the grand champion gilt. Summerville chapter showed the grand champion boar.



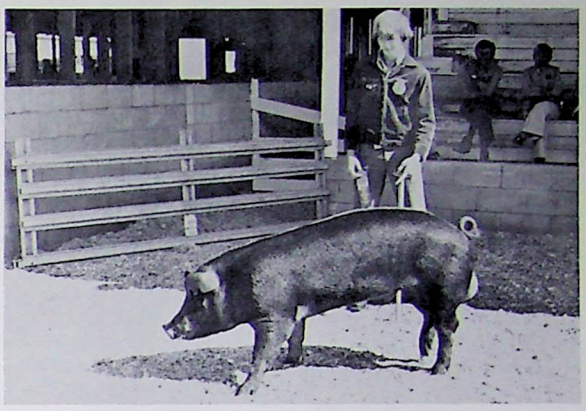
Terry Williams, Byrnes FFA, showed the grand champion Hereford bull in the junior show at the S. C. State Fair.

Jerry Waddell, Byrnes FFA, showed the grand champion female in the junior Hereford show at the S. C. State Fair.

Gregg Woodward, Anderson FFA, was top beef cattle showman in the Angus breed at the S. C. State Fair.

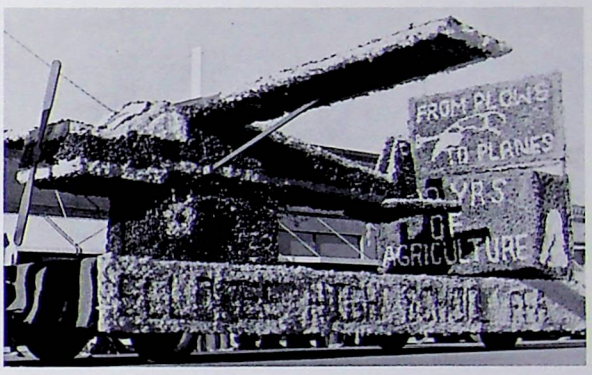
Fairs And Shows

Byrnes FFA captured three out of the top four places in Hereford showmanship at the S. C. State Fair.

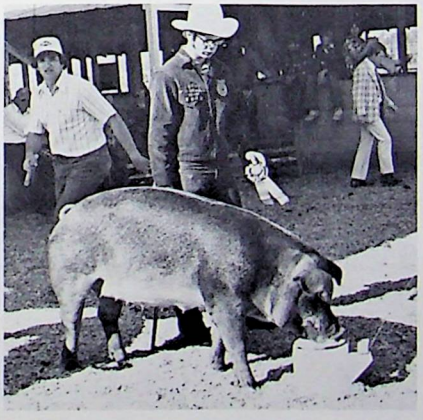


Jeffrey Padgett, of the Pelion FFA chapter, was awarded first place for his Duroc February boar in the junior show at the S. C. State Fair.

Brothers Calvin and Robbie Gray, of St. John's of Darlington chapter, competed in three classes in the junior Angus show at the S. C. State Fair.



The prize winning Bicentennial float entered in the Orangeburg Christmas parade by the Elloree FFA chapter. The float was handmade by students to celebrate 200 years of agricultural progress.



Jay Poole, of the Pelion FFA chapter, exhibited the first place junior yearling Duroc sow in the junior show at the S. C. State Fair. Freddie Waltz is advisor of the Pelion chapter.

The Rock Hill FFA chapter made up of students of vocational agriculture enrolled in an occupational course in ornamental horticulture had this prize winning booth in the York County Fair. R. P. Smoak is the vocational agriculture teacher and advisor at Rock Hill.

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